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# S. 129

For the relief of Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and Arthur Mkoyan.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mrs. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

For the relief of Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and  
Arthur Mkoyan.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR RUBEN**  
4                       **MKOIAN, ASMIK KARAPETIAN, AND ARTHUR**  
5                       **MKOYAN.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a)  
7       and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality  
8       Act (8 U.S.C. 1151), Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian,  
9       and Arthur Mkoyan shall each be eligible for the issuance  
10      of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that  
11      of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence

1 upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant  
2 visa under section 204 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1154) or  
3 for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

4 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Ruben Mkoian,  
5 Asmik Karapetian, or Arthur Mkoyan enters the United  
6 States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c),  
7 Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, or Arthur Mkoyan, as  
8 appropriate, shall be considered to have entered and re-  
9 mained lawfully in the United States and shall be eligible  
10 for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immi-  
11 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255) as of the date  
12 of the enactment of this Act.

13 (c) APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Sub-  
14 sections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for  
15 the issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for  
16 adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees not  
17 later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this  
18 Act.

19 (d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBERS.—  
20 Upon granting an immigrant visa or permanent resident  
21 status to Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and Arthur  
22 Mkoyan, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper  
23 officer to reduce by 3, during the current or subsequent  
24 fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are  
25 made available to natives of the country of birth of Ruben

1 Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and Arthur Mkoyan under  
2 section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
3 U.S.C. 1153(a)) or, if applicable, the total number of im-  
4 migrant visas that are made available to natives of the  
5 country of birth of Ruben Mkoian, Asmik Karapetian, and  
6 Arthur Mkoyan under section 202(e) of such Act (8  
7 U.S.C. 1152(e)).

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